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HOUSE MEMORIAL 41

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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A MEMORIAL

CONGRATULATING WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ON THEIR CAMPAIGN
TO HELP SOLVE LOCAL- AND SCHOOL-BASED HUNGER PROBLEMS.

WHEREAS, Wilson middle school students are concerned about
their classmates in the Albuquerque public school district who
often go hungry; and

WHEREAS, Wilson middle school students began to study
hunger issues in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Wilson middle school students began to promote
the Elev8 New Mexico-sponsored crock-pot project to feed
students at their school; and

WHEREAS, Wilson middle school students who participated in
Elev8 New Mexico activities, such as crock-pot cooking, before
and after school, used learning strategies that helped build
math, literacy and other skills; and

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1 WHEREAS, Wilson middle school students who participated in
2 Elev8 New Mexico activities, such as crock-pot cooking, learned
3 to prepare a nutritious, home-cooked meal for their younger
4 brothers and sisters and other family members; and

5 WHEREAS, Wilson middle school students began to collect
6 canned goods for families in their community in November 2008;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Wilson middle school students have provided rice,
9 beans and other dried goods to students and families in their
10 community; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2008, Wilson middle school students sold over
12 three thousand dollars (\$3,000) worth of anti-hunger buttons to
13 raise money for food for families in their community; and

14 WHEREAS, in November 2008, Wilson middle school students
15 provided fifty-six baskets that contained complete Thanksgiving
16 dinners to families in their community; and

17 WHEREAS, over eighty percent of Wilson middle school
18 students qualify for free or reduced-price meals; and

19 WHEREAS, Wilson middle school students collected petition
20 signatures from four hundred thirty students asking Albuquerque
21 public schools to provide free lunches to all Wilson middle
22 school students through provision two of the national school
23 lunch program; and

24 WHEREAS, Wilson middle school students have testified to
25 the Albuquerque public school board to allow schools that

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1 qualify over sixty-five percent of their students for free or
2 reduced-price meals to provide free lunches to all students,
3 thus providing hot nutritious meals to more students; and

4 WHEREAS, Wilson middle school students have testified to
5 the Albuquerque public school board to match data with the
6 human services department to identify students who receive food
7 stamps and who could be directly certified for free meals more
8 often than the current once per year, thus providing free meals
9 to more students;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it hereby
12 congratulate Wilson middle school students for their successful
13 and ongoing campaign to help solve local- and school-based
14 hunger problems and to end hunger in their community; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the principal of Wilson middle school, to the
17 members of the Albuquerque public school board and to the board
18 of directors of Elev8 New Mexico.